

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 246

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the twelve 2010 inductees into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens and educators who, through their unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the twelve 2010 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame inductees are such noteworthy individuals who have devoted their lives to the education and instruction of young students and athletes; and

WHEREAS, organized in 1925, the TSSAA is a voluntary, nonprofit, self-supported organization, conceived by teachers, principals, and superintendents and administered by carefully chosen individuals; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Association is to stimulate and regulate the athletic relations of the secondary schools in Tennessee, coordinating athletic and scholastic programs and promoting the development of character, integrity, sportsmanship, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, with 347 schools in its membership, the TSSAA sponsors men's and women's basketball, track, tennis, volleyball, cross country, soccer, and golf as well as football, wrestling, baseball, and softball,

WHEREAS, the twelve people inducted into the 2010 TSSAA Hall of Fame include four administrators, five coaches, two officials, and one contributor; and

WHEREAS, these honorable individuals are Gene Beck, Scott Brunette, Joseph Clayton, Morris Rogers, Alfred B. Cate, the late Don Grider, the late Ben Martin, George Pitts, Larry Ricker, Vic Francescon, Billy Bob Garrison, and Faye Osteen; and

WHEREAS, Gene Beck served as basketball coach at Springfield High School for seventeen years before becoming an Assistant Executive Director at TSSAA, remaining in that position for twenty-three years before retiring in February of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Scott Brunette, a former coach and assistant principal at McGavock High School, Whites Creek High School, and Stratford High School, is currently in his eighteenth year as Athletic Director and Physical Education Coordinator for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Clayton served over fifty years in education as a teacher and coach in the Memphis area; he is now serving on the Shelby County Board of Education, a position he has held since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Morris Rogers served over two decades in the Franklin County School System as an administrator; he was a member of the TSSAA Board of Control for ten years, and is now in his ninth year as County Wide Director of Athletics for Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Alfred B. Cater served thirty-six years at Memphis Central High School as a teacher, coach, and athletic director; he compiled winning records in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis; and

WHEREAS, the late Don Grider, longtime football coach at South Pittsburg High School, won nearly 200 games in his twenty-three years as head coach; his 1969 team captured Tennessee's first Class A championship; and

WHEREAS, the late Ben Martin, first athletic director and coach of several sports at Oak Ridge High School, led his track teams to seven state championships; he also selected the Oak Ridge High School nickname and school colors in 1943, the school's first year of existence; and

WHEREAS, George Pitts coached high school boys basketball for thirty years, winning seven state championships; his Brentwood Academy teams are the only boy's basketball program in TSSAA history to win four consecutive state championships in 2003, 2004, 2005,

and 2006; his other three state championships came while at Science Hill High School in 1990, 1994, and 1995; and

WHEREAS, Larry Ricker, an educator for over thirty years, won four state championships in girls basketball at South Greene High School; he compiled a winning percentage of eighty-six percent and made fifteen trips to the state tournament during his twenty-one seasons as head coach; and

WHEREAS, Vic Francescon, a TSSAA official from Brentwood, is in his fiftieth year as a member of the Middle Tennessee Basketball Officials Association and his forty-eighth year as a member of the Middle Tennessee Football Officials Association; he has worked numerous state playoff games and two state football championships; and

WHEREAS, William Garrison, a TSSAA official from Elizabethton, has served as a TSSAA official in football, baseball, and basketball and served as a basketball supervisor; he has worked in regional basketball and baseball tournaments, as well as six state baseball tournaments and several football playoff games; and

WHEREAS, Faye Osteen is a contributor from Millington who has dedicated over thirty years to high school athletics and the TSSAA; in 2000, she began a fund to both honor the TSSAA Hall of Fame and to emphasize the development of TSSAA as the governing body of high school athletics; her late husband, Bill Osteen, was a longtime member of the TSSAA Board of Control and is a charter member of the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, these twelve individuals are men and women of true character and commitment, exemplifying the type of selfless community servants and civic leaders whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in molding the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards in every aspect of their lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with the family, friends, and colleagues of these twelve distinguished individuals in celebrating their induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, commending them on their substantial legacy as teachers, coaches, officials, and contributors, and honoring their steadfast dedication to all Tennessee student-athletes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.